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1. WHILE PROF. CASE'S PROJECT IS FUNDED, HE DOES NOT AT PRESENT HAVE FIRM ASSURANCE OF SHIPTIME ABOARD R/V ALPHA HELIX. SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY (SIO) OPERATES VESSEL AS A NATIONAL FACILITY; SCIENTISTS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY BID FOR TIME ABOARD VESSEL. ASSIGNING SHIP TO SUPPORT PROF. CASE'S WORK WOULD ENTAIL TWO MONTHS OF TRAVEL TIME - SAN DIEGO TO INDONESIA AND RETURN. ON SMALL SHIP DESIGNED WITH SPECIALIZED MISSION IN MIND SUCH AS R/V ALPHA HELIX, THIS TIME WOULD BE LARGELY UNPRODUCTIVE. THEREFORE SIO AWAITING WORD ON FUNDING REQUESTS FOR OTHER PROJECTS IN SAME GENERAL AREA. WITH SEVERAL FUNDED PROPOSALS IN FRONT OF THEM SIO CAN PUT TOGETHER CRUISE ITINERARY THAT WILL MORE FULLY UTILIZE SHIPTIME, AND JUSTIFY COMMITTING R/V ALPHA HELIX TO AUSTRALIAN-ASIAN AREA FOR A WORTHWHILE PERIOD OF TIME - EIGHT OR NINE MONTHS MINIMUM.

2. WHILE PROF. CASE LIKELY TO GET SHIPTIME, IT IS TOO EARLY
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TO PROCEED WITH FORMAL CLEARANCE REQUEST. CASE HIMSELF

SEEMS TO HAVE THOUGHT HIS PLANS FIRMER THAN THEY ACTUALLY
ARE. GRATEFUL FOR POST'S EFFORTS TO FACILITATE THIS WORK,

AND WHILE SOUNDING NOTE OF CAUTION TO GOI YOU CAN ASSURE
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